

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 487
By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to commend our stalwart employees of the 1996 session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize and commend our legislative employees, who work hard, under often trying conditions, routinely experiencing long hours; and

WHEREAS, the **Office of Legal Services for the General Assembly** prepares and assists in the preparation of legislation and amendments, reviews legislation as to form and style, submits recommendations on defective or anachronistic laws, provides legal research staff services to committees, compiles the computer listing of committee meetings, and provides abstracts and summaries of proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS, their staff, under the able leadership of Jim Clodfelter, includes permanent employees: attorneys Joe Barnes, Lynn Goldberg, Jess Hale, Bill Hollings, Nathan Ridley, Fred Standbrook, Sally Swaney, Ellen Tewes and Tom Tigue; Legislative Librarian Julie McCown; Bill Preparation Supervisor Marsha Milan; Researchers Al Beasley, David Bradley, Doug Garrett and Vivian Starnes; Secretaries Judy Campbell, Pat Greer, Tomi Hall, Linda Love and LouAnn Nicholson; session employees include attorneys John Dalton, Monica Smith-Ashford and Al Stolte; Legal Analysts Dawne Gay and Floyd Kilpatrick; Researcher Whitney Malone; eagle-eyed Proofreaders Eloise Edwards and Karl Harr; word processors Kandes Petty-Coleman, Brian Heath and Connie Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the **Management Information Services (MIS) office** expertly handles all computer operations of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, under the capable leadership of Director Richard McKinney, the staff includes Kimberly Allen, Gordon Borck, Kerry Bryan, Bill Eubank, Lisa Guess, Lori Glossup, Brian Lewis, Bob Mathis, Bob Morrow, Diane Shea and Tracy Stinson; and

WHEREAS, the **Legislative Services office** is in charge of distributing legislative informational sources to members, staff and interested citizens, including bills, the *Legislative Record* and the *Legislative Service*, and compiles the informative cable television committee meeting list. It is also in charge of the Legislative Intern program; and

WHEREAS, the office and the legislature is fortunate to have as its Director, Bud Gangwer, with the other permanent staff being Deb Cassetty, Bobbye Crawford, Tim Harris, Tommy Milam and Michelle White, and the session staff consisting of Otho Armstrong, Jonathan Grunau, David R. Sessler and Tory Westbrook; and

WHEREAS, the **Legislative Administration office** keeps track of personnel records and purchases, and distributes items needed for legislative work; and

WHEREAS, the knowledgeable Director of the office is Cliff Abel, who has as his staff Alice Abbey, Dale Barnes, Glenn Barber, Lynn Callarman, Mark Davidson, Sherri Goforth, Theron Lacy, Brenda St. John and Karma Thompson; and

WHEREAS, the **Fiscal Review Committee** plays a vital role in the legislative process, tracking the states' financial condition and compiling fiscal notes, which accurately inform members of the financial impact that each piece of legislation will have if it is passed or adopted; and

WHEREAS, their employees, under the outstanding leadership of Director Jim Davenport, are David Bone, Dan Cooper, Terry Poff, Deborah Puckett, Judy Richardson, Carrey Rogers, Georgette Simmons, Susan Smith and Randi Troutt; and

WHEREAS, the **Joint Finance, Ways and Means Committee** staff consists of Director Allen Barron and Shawna Gaw; and

WHEREAS, the **Building Maintenance office** staff, under the enlightened guidance of Skip Butler, Facility Manager, includes Fred Field, Gwendolyn Holmes, Homer Malone, Mitch Turner, Ken White and David Vaughn, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, the **Mail Room**, with veteran employees Emma Williams and Larry N. Street, sorts through the avalanche of constituent and lobbyist mail that comes in each weekday; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary staff assistance provided by each of these joint legislative offices has been essential to the efficient and orderly operation of this Body and it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to express our deep appreciation for their highly professional services; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend our valued employees of the Office of Legal Services, Management Information Services, Legislative Services, Legislative Administration, the Fiscal Review Committee, Joint Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the Building Maintenance office and the Mail Room for the excellent, very professional performance of their duties, their admirable willingness to work after the normal quitting time and for their loyalty to the members of this Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each person named above with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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